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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed September 20, 2006. In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects Species I, Claims 1-7, as a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. This election is made without traverse.

No fees are believed due for the present Amendment, however, should any fees be due, please charge them to our deposit account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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